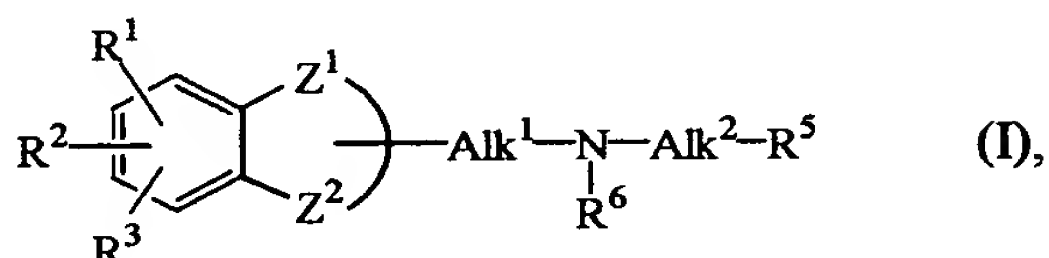


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

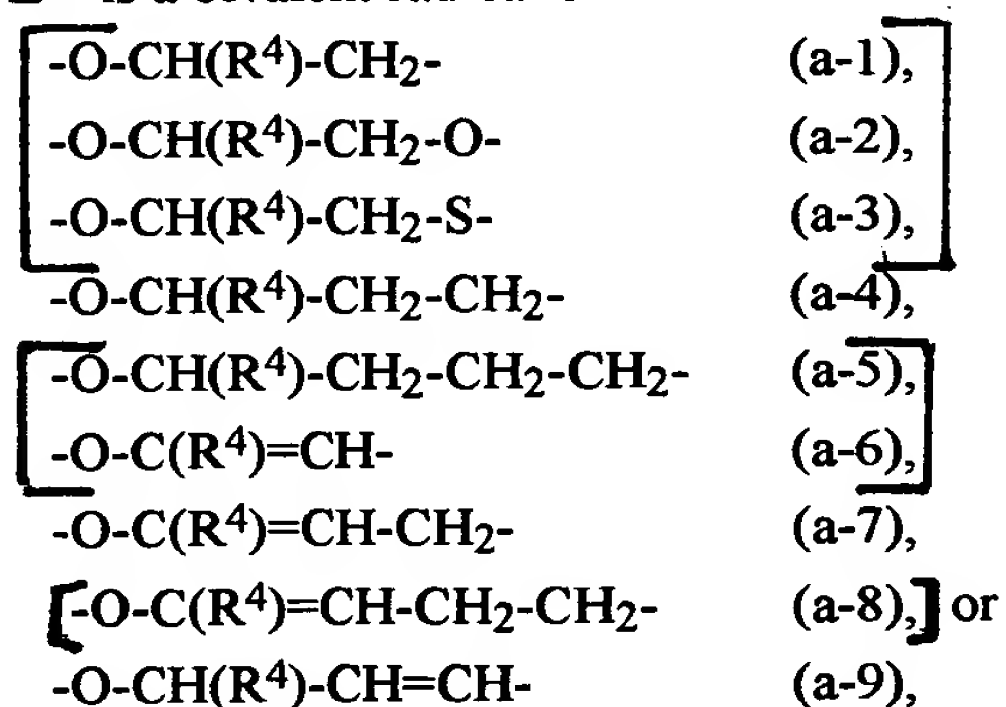
Claim 1 (currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an *N*-oxide form thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, or a quaternary ammonium salt thereof, wherein Alk¹ is C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonylC₁₋₄alkyl, carbonyl, carbonylC₁₋₄alkyl, or C₁₋₆alkanediyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxy, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy;

Alk² is C₁₋₄alkylcarbonylC₁₋₄alkyl; C₁₋₆alkanediyl substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy; C₃₋₈cycloalkanediyl optionally substituted with halo, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy;

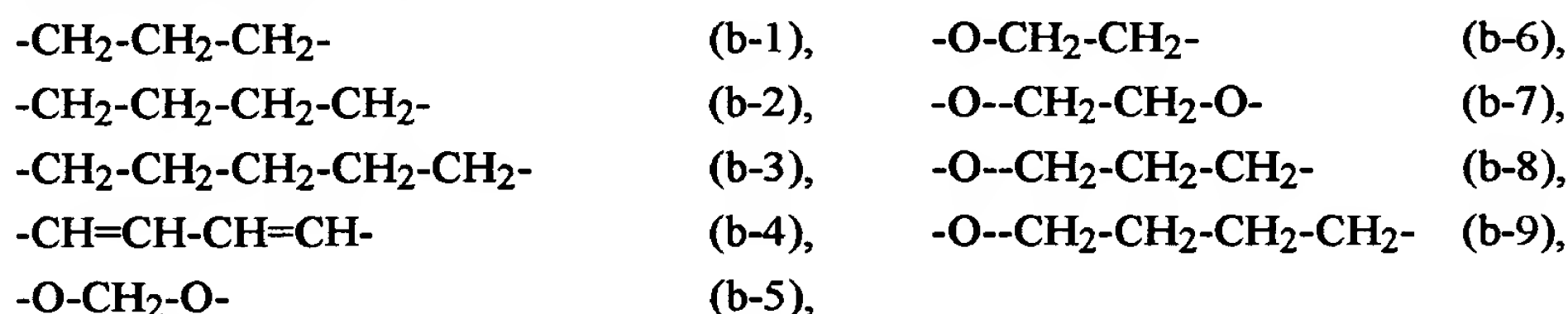
-Z¹-Z²- is a bivalent radical of formula



wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by hydroxy;

R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)aminocarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyloxy- C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyloxy, or C_{3-6} cycloalkylcarbonyloxy C_{1-4} alkyloxy-carbonyloxy; or

when R^1 and R^2 are on adjacent carbon atoms, R^1 and R^2 taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula

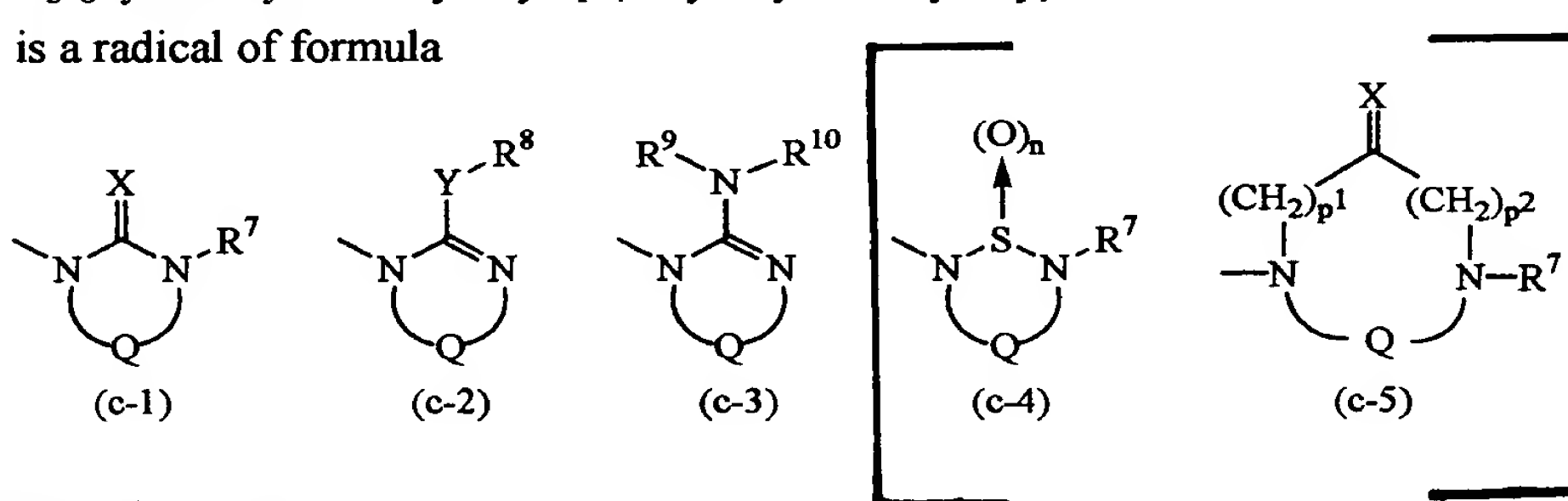


wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by hydroxy, C_{1-4} alkyl or CH_2OH ;

R^4 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenylmethyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyloxy C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkylcarbonyloxy C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyloxy, or a direct bond when the bivalent radical $-\text{Z}^1-\text{Z}^2-$ is of formula (a-6), (a-7) or (a-8);

R^6 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, phenylmethyl, C_{1-4} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyloxy C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, or C_{3-6} cycloalkylcarbonyloxy C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyloxy;

R^5 is a radical of formula



wherein n is 1 or 2;

p^1 is 0, and p^2 is 1 or 2; or p^1 is 1 or 2, and p^2 is 0;

X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^9 or CHNO_2 ;

Y is oxygen or sulfur;

R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, phenyl or phenylmethyl;

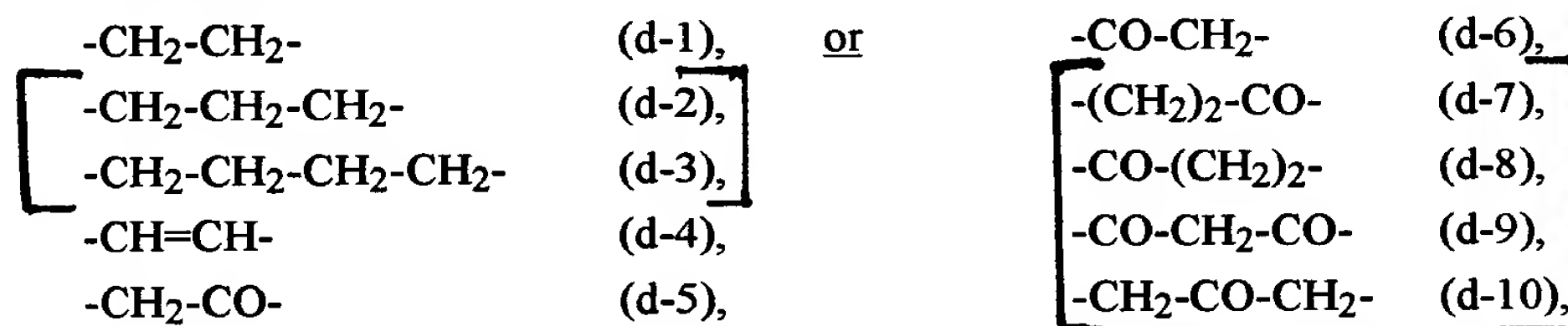
R⁸ is C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, phenyl or phenylmethyl;

R⁹ is cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl or aminocarbonyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

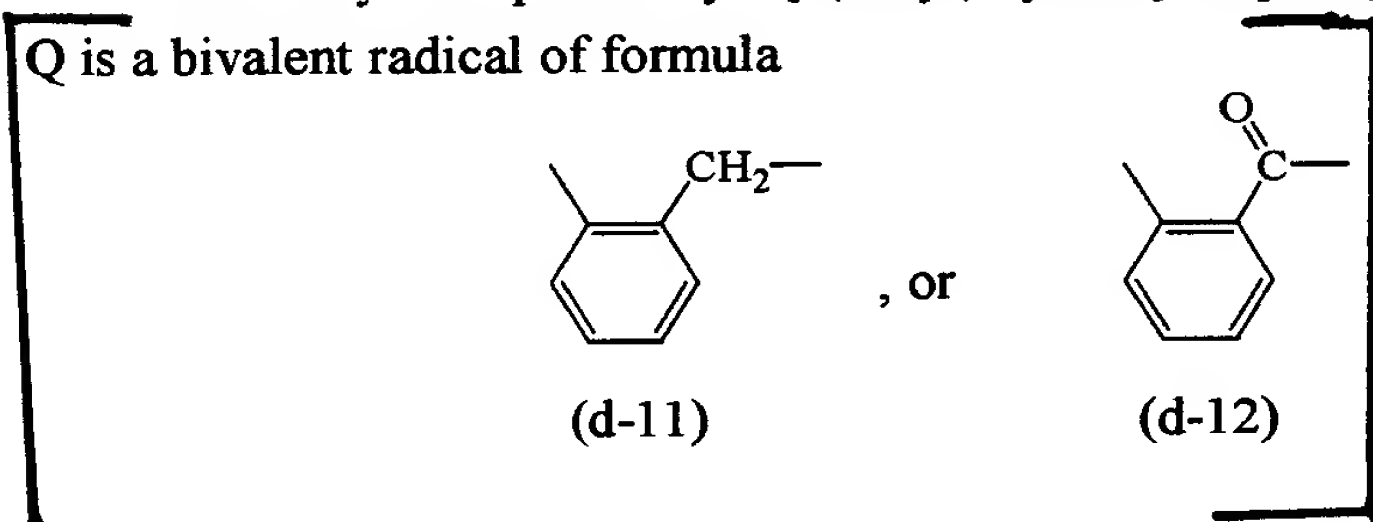
or R⁹ and R¹⁰ taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, or morpholinyl group, optionally substituted with C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkyloxy; and

Q is a bivalent radical of formula



wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxy or phenyl, [or]

Q is a bivalent radical of formula



Claim 2 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R⁵ is a radical of formula (c-1) wherein X is oxygen, and Q is a radical of formula [(d-2) or] (d-5).

Claim 3 (cancel without prejudice)

Claim 4 (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, Alk¹ is -CH₂-, Alk² is -CH₂-CHOH-CH₂-, R⁶ is hydrogen, R⁵ is a radical of formula (c-1) wherein X is oxygen, R⁷ is hydrogen, and Q is (d-5).

Claim 5 (cancel without prejudice)

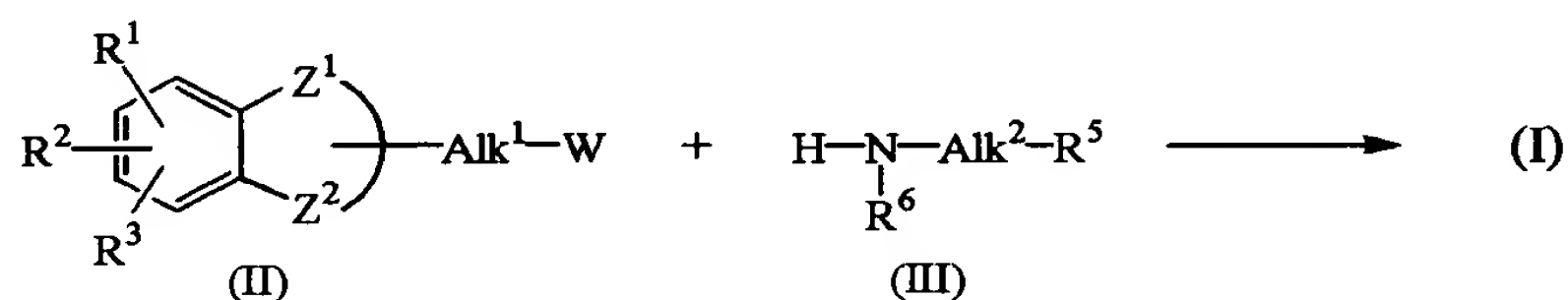
Claim 6 (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 1-[3-[[[(3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-yl)methyl]amino]-2-hydroxypropyl]-2,4-imidazolidinedione; a stereoisomeric form or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

Claim 7 (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically active amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

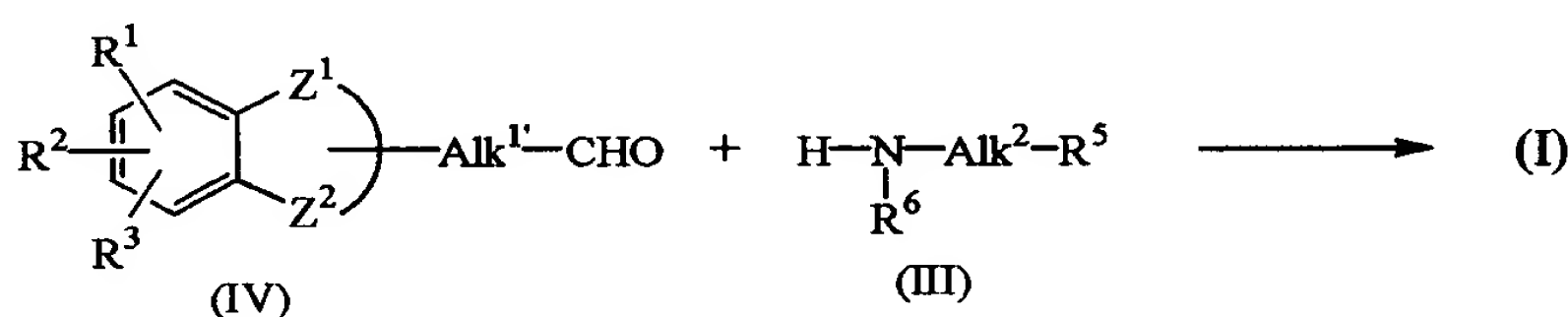
Claim 8 (previously presented) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition wherein a therapeutically active amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 is mixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 9 (canceled)

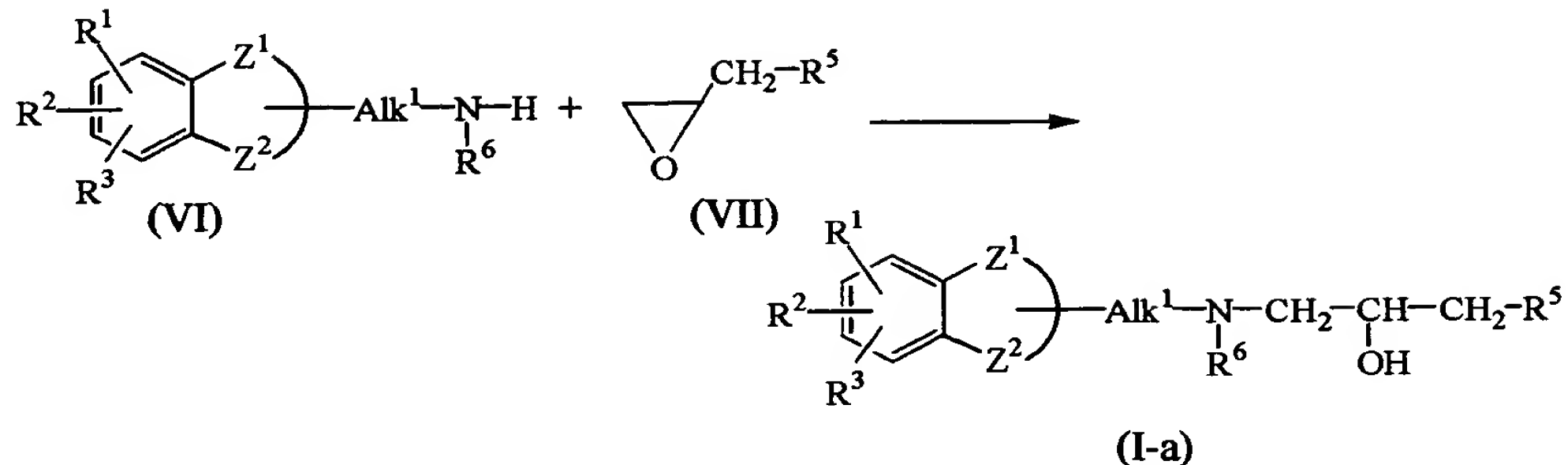
Claim 10 (previously presented) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein
a) an intermediate of formula (II) is alkylated with an intermediate of formula (III) in a reaction-inert solvent and, optionally in the presence of a suitable base,



b) an intermediate of formula (IV), wherein Alk^{1'} represents a direct bond or C₁₋₅alkanediyl, is reductively alkylated with an intermediate of formula (III);



c) an intermediate of formula (VI) is reacted with an intermediate of formula (VII) thus yielding compounds of formula (I-a), defined as compounds of formula (I) wherein Alk² represents -CH₂-CHOH-CH₂-;



in the above reaction schemes the radicals $-Z^1-Z^2-$, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , Alk^1 and Alk^2 are as defined in claim 1 and W is an appropriate leaving group;

- d) or, compounds of formula (I) are converted into each other following art-known transformation reactions; or if desired; a compound of formula (I) is converted into an acid addition salt, or conversely, an acid addition salt of a compound of formula (I) is converted into a free base form with alkali; and, if desired, preparing stereochemically isomeric forms thereof.

Claim 11 (previously presented) A method of treating conditions involving an impaired relaxation of the fundus comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.